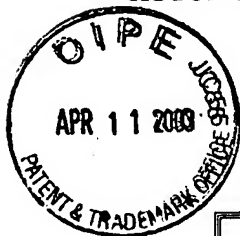


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**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) TO RESPOND  
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 26, 2003**

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2003. The Office Action established a one-month shortened statutory time period in which to respond. As such, the time to respond was March 26, 2003. If this petition for a one-month extension



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of time is granted, the time in which the response may be filed will be extended to April 26, 2003.

Applicants qualify as a small entity business concern and, hence, reduced fees. As such, Applicants submit a check in the amount of \$ 55.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) as the complete fee for this petition, and requests that the undersigned be contacted if any questions arise as to this petition or the requisite fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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